CAPITAL CITY SQUARES

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SUMMER

Well, I think it is safe to say that summer is here. The weather is hot, and the vacation-time activities are upon us.

The Parade was fantastic! There were lots of familiar faces, either on the streets or in them.

I took my camera, and settled down to take lots of pictures. After about half of the parade went by, and on the second roll of film, I discovered that my aperture was set WIDE OPEN, instead of on automatic!!!

Boy was I disgusted.

All those blank pictures of all those beautiful people!

I quickly fixed the camera, and took as many pictures as I could. Luckily, that was before the square dancers came walking down the street.

It was a fun time for all! Anyone who took pictures should bring them to the Tuesday dance night, so that we can all oooh and aah over them. (I need to take five rolls of film in for development, and I don't know which one is the bad roll!)

Then, there was the Pot Luck party at Don's Place. There were lots of hot dogs and hamburgers (Don may be passing them out on dance night, to get rid of them), and the food was great! Lots of salads and muchies, and just enough dessert to keep everyone filled (maybe that's why not everyone went swimming!).

Those who did swim, were refreshed by the cool water, and there was even a short-lived game of keep-away (that started out as a four person ball toss!).
The square dancing was fun, but everyone was either too hot, or too full, to dance too much.

It was lots of fun, and I would personally like to thank Don for the use of his home, and the work that he put into the fiesta. He spent a lot of time around that hot fire, and it was pretty warm outside, on top of it.

Input / Output

Remember the following (See Calendar) dates:

July 20-24th -Gooeyduck Jamboree in Seattle, (See flyers Dance night)

July 23rd - Western Star Hoedown - Larry Ward
SF YMCA 8 - 11 pm
M/S & Plus

July 30th - Western Star Hoedown Roger Laney
SF YMCA 8 - 11 pm
M/S & Plus

Aug 6th - El Camino Reelers
Hawaiian Hula Hoedown
Plus & 'A' Calling

Aug 13th - CCS Pot Luck at Mike and Bill's house (Details TBA)

Aug 27th -
CCS Beginners
Hoedown - 7 - 10 pm
Hagginwood Center

Oct 1st - CCS Hoedown
Caller - Nate Bliss
Clooney Community Center (in McKinley Park)
7 - 10 pm $5 Admission

by Cindy Sullivan

July 6th Board Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Don. Those in attendance were Don, George, Audrey, Mary Ann, Kris, Joel and Cindy. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. George reported we had $1,087.41 in the bank.

We reviewed the New Members' howdown. It will be held at Hagginwood Center on August 27th (7-10 pm). The club will furnish the drinks. We will ask club members to bring cookies. Carl and Kris will handle the "calling" chores. There will be no admission charge. We want to encourage all club members to bring a friend or two who might be interested in learning square dancing.

Audrey is going to ask Jeff and Dennis to be in charge of decorating the hall. She will give them a list of club members who indicated willingness to help. We will also hang our club banner. The board also approved Mary Ann's request for an ad in MGW about this hoedown. The cost will be $135.00.

We then talked about the hoedown scheduled for Oct. 1st, with caller Nate Bliss. It will be held at Clooney Community Center (in McKinley Park), 7-10 pm.

We will charge $5 admission. Costs for this dance are for the caller $225 and $90 for the hall. We also decided to charge 50 cents for drinks. Club members will be asked to bring cookies. It was suggested to send out three flyers (July, Aug. and Sept.) to the S.F./Bay area clubs. There will be a 50/50 raffle too. Kris suggested that we contact Mr. Bliss a week before the dance and tell him how many calls our new class knows, so that he will have time to make up a tip or two for them.

We then reviewed the plans for the potluck at Don's house on July 16th. We approved the purchase of hamburger, buns and condiments. Don is donating hot dogs. We will ask for volunteers to bring salads, chips, dip, and desserts. Audrey will take a map and directions for finding Don's house to our club night July 12th at Joseph's.

We have been asked to do an exhibition dance at the SACWN Bar-B-Que on July 16th. They requested it be women dancers. Mary Ann and Audrey will organize it.

Joel presented the board with copies of the proposed by-laws. We will review them and discuss them at our next meeting.

Plans were discussed about dancing in one school next year. Don will see if we can have William Land School every Tuesday. We will also check with the club members for their opinion.

Mary Ann will check into the cost of having polo shirts and towels with our club logo. It was suggested to have the logo on the right of the shirt, as we wear our badge on the left.

We have been asked to dance at the Rainbow Festival (here in town) on Aug. 21st. We will organize dancers for it. It will be an excellent opportunity to pass out flyers about our New Dancers' Hoedown.

Lastly, we discussed doing exhibition dances at the bars, Pillars and SACWN, to publicize our club, and generate interest in it. We will also be placing flyers in Lioness Bookstore, the Lambda Center and the bars. Joel spoke about doing a joint mailing with Lambda Center, MCC and River City Families.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm. Our next meeting will be held on Aug. 3rd, at Don's house at 7:30 pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING CCS MEMBERS:

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TIPS FROM BEHIND THE MIKE!

By Kris Corbridge

Most of you have probably noticed our frequent use of the phrase "think of the definition" or "dance by definition, not by feel". I'm going to try here, and in future articles, to take some specific examples and hopefully relate them in such a way that your dancing will become easier and more enjoyable.

All Position Dancing (APD) is dancing by definitions. All clubs are encouraged by Callerlab to teach APD, as this is where the challenge comes into square dancing; and boredom, at any level, is eliminated. There is virtually no end to the possible combinations to APD. As dancers we must take the responsibility to "know" and understand what the definition is and what it means to you, regardless of what formation the square might be in. No longer can you get by on "this is what I do", because in a different situation you may be coming at the same call from a different perspective.

Let's take a simple example of what I mean. The call is: **SQUARE THRU**. What we all generally learn, initially, is that "Square thru" starts with the right hand to the opposite dancer. You pull them by, then the boys turn right and the girls turn left. Everybody gives a left hand and pulls by, turn again the same way, then another right pull by; turn and a left pull by, and you're finished.

This is fine for initial learning, because we do have to get a "feel" for the call. However, what happens later when "square thru" is called and you are no longer in normal couples (ie.: half - sashayed or same sex)? Now everything suddenly falls apart. Here now is where instead of being locked into the above mentioned "normal couple" way of dancing, the definition becomes important.

Note the difference:

Everyone gives a right to the opposite and pulls by. They then give a left pull by and a quarter-in, a right pull by and a quarter-in, and finish with a left pull by.

Now the call is by position, ie: you no longer think about what the boy does or the girl does, but rather what the left hand dancer or the right hand dancer does.

The key word in this definition is "quarter-in". It simply means to turn and face your partner (which is always the person next to you), at any given moment, in any formation.

See the difference between thinking "turn right" or "turn left", and "quarter in"?

"Square thru" is a position call, not a sexist call. There are only a handfull of calls that are in fact sexist, where the dancers will always do exactly the same thing regardless of position. These include: slide-thru, star-thru, box-the-gnat and curlique. All of the other calls can be done from half-sashayed position or same-sex couples.

Food for thought: Could you do a flutter wheel and reverse flutter wheel if you were half-sashayed?

Who leads in each case and with which hand?

'till next time...
Happy Dancing!

See Kris, if you have a Square Dance topic for her to address in this column. Let her know, if it helps!

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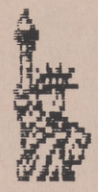

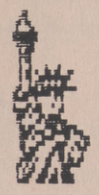

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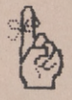
17	18  Prime 8's dance Night at Town & Country Inn	19 CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE NIGHT at Town & Country Inn	20	21	22	23 Western Star Hoedown at the YMCA SF 8-11 Larry Ward Mainstream & Plus
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AUGUST 1988
Let's Dance!

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CAPITAL CITY SQUARES ARE HIT AT LAMBDA COMMUNITY FREEDOM FAIR

The Capital City Squares danced a square dance tip for the throng of people who attended the celebrated annual Pride Day at McKinley Park.

There were rave revues from most of the attendees who saw the gala event.

Many commented on the brightly colored clothes that the group (commonly called a "square") wore. The turquoise shirts complimented the white shorts, and made for a pleasantly flowing dance for all.

One spectator stated that the group seemed to have so much fun together!

Of course, the highlight of the day, was when the Chairman of the Club announced the new beginner's Hoedown, at the Hagginwood Center on August 27th, from 7-10 pm.

It is free to all, and the Capital City Squares are supplying the cookies and drinks.

The club was indeed a "Hit" at the fair! Thanks to all who attended!!!

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